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Around Town: Cobb Bar doing its part today to promote patriotism

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GETTING A JUMP on Independence Day, Cobb Bar Association members will be reading the Declaration of Independence today at the new Cobb Superior Court Building to help celebrate the country's birthday.

The reading will start at 11 a.m. "in the shadow of the clocktower" in the small courtyard just outside the courthouse, reports lawyer Kim Frye, who is spearheading the event. In case of rain, the reading will take place in the building's lobby,

Similar readings will be taking place in 22 other courthouses around Georgia as part of a national effort to have the Declaration read aloud and promote patriotism, she said.

Taking part are lawyers Adam Abbate, Bob Beer, Frank Bradford, Larry Burke, Gene Clark, Matt Freedman, Kim Keheley Frye, Blake Frye, Anthony Hallmark, Joyette Holmes, Scott Halperin, Judge Rob Leonard, Catherine Lerow, Doug Middleton, Justin O'Dell, John H. Skelton, Michael Syrop and Tim Williams.

LIKE STUMP SPEECHES? Then Wednesday's July Fourth Cobb Republican Picnic is the place for you. Some 30 candidates for national, state and local offices are expected to address the crowd there at Jim Miller Park, reports Cobb GOP Chairman Joe Dendy, including U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) and U.S. Reps. Tom Price and Phil Gingrey. Tickets are \$15 for adults 12 and up, \$5 for children 6 to 11 and free for 5 and under. ...

There'll be plenty of politicos, too, when Cobb Democrats will gather at the IAM Local 709 Union Hall at 1032 Marietta Parkway from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

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